

### Walterians Request to Buy School

WALTERIA—Methodists from Waleria came to the Board of Education at its regular meeting as an unofficial delegation to find out how much it would cost them to buy one of the old school houses located at 242nd and Ward streets. The buildings are an eyesore now, it was revealed and should be removed from their present location.

The group was represented by Austin Beasley, 24032 Neece Street. He said that the Methodists were planning to erect a \$35,000 church building in Waleria and would use the school building as a social hall on the rear of the deep lot. Beasley is a member of the Torrance Recreation Commission.



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### Kids Welcome Santa's Tour

Santa Claus' mobile unit, sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce will reappear in Torrance this afternoon and tomorrow afternoon, Jim Wood, a member of the Chamber revealed.

Wood said that Santa started his first tour yesterday on a flatbed truck loaned by Frank's Furniture.

From seven to nine-thirty in the evening, the truck will be parked at El Prado Parkway, across the street from the City Hall.

Youngsters who visited with Santa on the truck yesterday were thrilled with his workshop, and they liked the favors he gave them.

Wood revealed that Don Pletcher of Prudential Insurance, was chairman in charge of acquiring the mobile Santa unit. Warren Perry of Columbia Steel served as his assistant.

Chairman of the Board of Education, Judge John Schneider, pointed out to Board members that the property owned by the school district would be worth more without the dilapidated building.

"That's true," said Assistant Superintendent of Schools Emmett Ingram. "However, if the buildings were torn down, the materials would not pay the cost of the wrecking. Yet we can't give the buildings away because there is a law against giving away public funds."

Superintendent of Schools J. H. Hull said that the Board would like to sell the property on which the buildings are located at some future date.

Beasley pointed out that it would cost approximately \$1000 to move the building and about \$3000 more to put it in shape.

"Under those circumstances," he said, "it wouldn't be worthwhile to pay a lot for the building."

Board member Grace Wright

### TORRANCE SOLDIERS WIN RIFLE AWARD IN JAPAN

Two Torrance, Calif., soldiers, Sergeant First Class Rano Sullivan, whose wife, Jeanne, resides at 2267 Moricapa street, and Cpl. Quennon L. Wakefield, whose wife, Yvonne, resides at 1546 W. 204th street, recently qualified as experts with the Army's M-1 rifle while serving in Japan with the 40th Infantry Division.

The California National Guard

### City Employees Make Plans for Christmas Eve

City Hall civil service workers are busy making plans for Christmas, City Manager George Stevens revealed today. He said that some workers will be excused from duty in the afternoon of December 24 to give them a chance to make preparations for Christmas Eve.

"Of course, we'll have to keep some inspectors and engineers around to carry on business as usual," said Stevens.

"We can't declare a holiday for policemen and firemen, either," he said. "It just isn't in the cards. This is the busiest season for them."

Stevens disclosed that the water and street department would be closed on December 24. He said that employees of these two departments would work this Saturday instead.

suggested that perhaps the Board could hire volunteers from the Waleria Methodist group as wreckers and allow them to cart off the building without any cost to the Board of Education. Board members seemed to be receptive to this idea.

Assistant Superintendent Emmett Ingram was given authority to look into the matter for the Board.

unit, called to active duty in September 1950, is currently undergoing intensive combat training. It has been strengthened by the addition of men from all parts of the United States.

To qualify as an expert, a score of at least 180 of a possible 200 points had to be made on the rifle range.

SFC Sullivan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Aaron R. Sullivan of 1771 Calamer street, Torrance, is mess sergeant of Company A, E78th Engineer Battalion.

Cororal Wakefield, a squad leader in the division's 578th Engineer Battalion, is the son of Mrs. Vicy Rynum of 715 Amalpa street, Torrance.

### Benner Warns Against Use Of Sweaters

Residents of Torrance were warned to keep on the lookout for the sale of highly inflammable sweaters which have been spotted in the Los Angeles area, according to Fire Chief J. J. Benner.

Benner said he received the information from State Fire Marshal Joe R. Yockers' office.

The sweaters are made of a brushed knit rayon fabric having a fuzzy, fluffy surface. It is reported that these sweaters ignite from almost any instantaneous ignition source and flame flashes over the fabric surface very rapidly.

A bulletin from the marshal's office reported that within the past week there have been four separate instances where sweaters of this type have become ignited.

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### Bill Zappas Stricken By Appendicitis

W. R. Zappas, publisher of the Torrance Press, was rushed to Harbor General Hospital with appendicitis, Saturday evening. Zappas, who is better known to his many friends as Bill is making a rapid recovery. According to Mrs. Zappas, his appendix was removed Sunday evening.

While Zappas is convalescing, Mrs. M. L. Owens, co-publisher is handling the advertising department. She said that she's deeply appreciative of the cooperation local advertisers have given her in Bill's absence.

"It's a wonderful feeling to have so many sincere friends in the community," declared Mrs. Owens.

Indications are that it will be at least a week before Zappas returns to the Press.

### Report Made on Construction of 3 New Schools

Torrance's Board of Education meeting this Tuesday evening was jam-packed with business, but Board members managed to dispose of it within one hour and fifteen minutes, officially closing the Board meeting at 9:15 p. m.

Even so, Board members found time to courteously answer questions that they felt the audience was interested in.

Among matters taken up at the meeting were the following: The Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent of Schools were notified by members present that they will be rehired for a new four year term beginning next July 1, 1952.

It was revealed that 283 work permits were issued to students by the Torrance Schools for Christmas jobs. It was pointed out that the schools received Average Daily Attendance money for students who were taking commercial subjects. This was under the work-study program.

The Board is still trying to buy the Nielson property for a school in North Torrance. Nielson has requested \$4000 per acre. Last night Board members raised their offer to \$3000 per acre and said that if Nielson would not accept this then they would be forced to condemn the property. Under the agreement, Nielson will be permitted a reasonable time to remove a \$4500 barn and 1500 feet of irrigation pipe valued at \$2.50 per foot.

A progress report was also given to the Board of architects on the construction work at Torrance High School, Madrona and Riviera elementary. At the high school, 50 percent of classrooms have been completed, 70 percent of the cafeteria construction, 70 percent of the gymnasium, and 85 percent of the music building. At Madrona construction is 50 percent complete and at Riviera 35 percent.

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### Boys Play Flag Football Under Local High School Arcs Friday

"Flag Football," as conducted by the Torrance YMCA and the Torrance Recreation Department for local youth, will be officially concluded today on the high school athletic field, where all the teams which have participated in the program during the season just completed will have an opportunity of showing their skills to admiring parents and friends in a gala football carnival, dubbed the Torrance Tarter Bowl Game, Red Moon, revealed today.

All teams will play as a unit for an eight minute period and will be playing for either the blue or white team.

Teams have been watched, as nearly as possible, to provide for equal competition.

A running score will be kept of the game. Each team succeeding the team in possession of the ball at the end of the playing periods, will take over at the same spot and down at the end of each playing period.

Half time ceremonies will include trophy awards to the city wide championship teams and the presentation of honor certificates of award to the volunteer coaches or leaders of all teams.

**SCHEDULE OF PLAY**  
 7:00 P.M. Waleria Wolverines vs Gray-Y-Lions  
 7:10 P.M. Waleria Apaches vs Green II  
 7:20 P.M. Walt's Jr.'s vs Jr. Hi-

### Autos Wipe Out 30,300 People Throughout U.S.

Automobiles have killed as many people throughout the United States as live in the City of Torrance so far this year, with eleven more days to go to finish out 1951.

Through Oct. 31, 30,300 people had their lives snuffed out by motor vehicles, the Automobile Club of Southern California, revealed this week.

Of this number, only six deaths occurred in Torrance. Los Angeles County reported 543 deaths in this period and the city of Los Angeles 218.

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### City Treasurer Delegates Power To Deputy Clerk

New City Treasurer Mrs. Harriet Leech officially took office this week but immediately delegated her authority to Deputy Clerk Charles Curtis, it was revealed today. She is still in Phoenix, Arizona.

She sent her oath of office and loyalty oath signed to City Clerk A. H. Bartlett on Monday, he disclosed.

Mrs. Leech delegated her authority to Curtis until she arrives in Torrance. Engineers needed sewer bonds signed to go ahead with their work. Also city pay envelopes are due today. Curtis besides being the deputy clerk is also an accountant.

Before Mrs. Margaret Fordyce was declared incompetent as city treasurer, she delegated Curtis to do her job.

"Doing someone else's job is not new to Curtis," declared City Manager Stevens. "We'll be happy when Mrs. Leech takes over the treasurer's duties and lightens the work load at the City Hall."

### Worker Retires

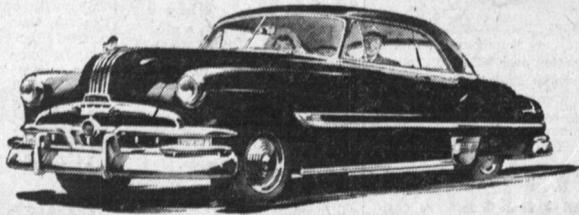
Thirty years of service at the Pacific Electric Railway Co.'s shops in Torrance ended this week for Ralph U. Crosby.

Crosby, an expert body streamliner and repair man, said that he and Mrs. Crosby plan to travel and then settle down at their El Monte home to enjoy his retirement.



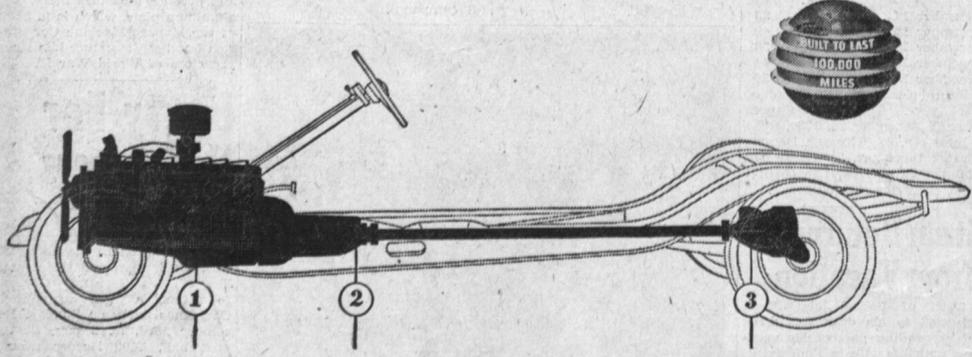
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